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KHADAFY CANCELS N.Y. TRIP — 'FEARS FOR LIFE'

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LIBYAN dictator Moammar Khadafy has canceled a visit to New York out of fear he's not safe here.

Khadafy, who once sent hit squads to kill President Reagan, was afraid to set foot in the U.S. for a UN visit.

"His security would not be assured," Libya's foreign minister said yesterday at the UN.

Khadafy said UN headquarters "should be moved elsewhere" so he can safely engage in politicking at the world body.

The strongman's visit for the 40th anniversary session of the General Assembly would have been his first trip to the U.S.

But he claimed the CIA was out to get him.

"There is harassment of our personnel, a propaganda campaign against Libya, military threats and threats of assassination," said Foreign Minister Ali Treiki.

"This is nothing new. The CIA has threatened the lives of many Third World leaders," he said, naming the late Patrice Lumumba of the Congo, Fidel Castro of Cuba and the late Abdel Gamal

Nasser of Egypt.

It is the second time in three years that Khadafy has backed out of visiting New York.

In 1982 at least three luxury hotels — the Helmsley Palace, the Waldorf and the Intercontinental — let it be known that Khadafy could not stay in their suites.

Khadafy has been at the center of the financing and training of worldwide terrorism. He has lost diplomatic relations with most Western nations.

In London last year his "diplomats" fired machineguns out of their embassy windows into a crowd of protesters — prompting a week-long siege and their nation's expulsion from England.

Khadafy's followers burned down the U.S. Embassy in Tripoli five years ago and threw all Americans out of Libya.

But his 60-member diplomatic corps remained in New York and Washington —

until it was exposed as a nest for assassins plotting to murder Reagan and other Khadafy enemies in the U.S.

The envoys were expelled, but a handful of Libyan diplomats and employees have remained at the UN.

Their movements have been restricted, however.

Khadafy said he was particularly annoyed that his representatives could not live in a 25-room mansion he owns in Englewood,



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"This is harassment," he said, "and U.S. restrictions on movement of other UN diplomats and staff are harassment.

"So are also American threats to cut contributions to the UN budget."